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INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BGEN

SUBJ: REPORTED NATIONALIZATION OF BARITE INDUSTRY

REF: STATE 021490

1. THE PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF BARITE IN INDIA HAS NOT BEEN NATIONALIZED. THE NATIONALIZATION OF CHEMCO, A PRIVATE EXPORTING COMPANY, IS ALSO NOT REPORTED TO BE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. BARITE DEPOSITS OCCUR PRIMARILY IN THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, AND THE BARITE MINES ARE WORKED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES AND BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ANDHRA PRADESH MINING CORPORATION (APMC). WHILE PRIVATE MINERS ARE FREE TO EXPORT THE MINERAL THROUGH THEIR OWN CHANNELS, APMC EXPORTS ITS PRODUCTS THROUGH BOTH PRIVATE MERCHANT EXPORTS AND THROUGH ANOTHER PUBLIC SECTOR ENTITY, THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE TRADING CORPORATION (APSTC). APMC ACCORDS PREFERENCE TO APSTC IN MAKING EXPORT SHIPMENTS.

3. CHEMCO HAS INFORMED CONGEN, BOMBAY, THAT ITS INABILITY TO ADHERE TO DELIVERY SCHEDULES QUOTED TO NL HAS BEEN DUE TO THE NON-AVAILABILITY OF RAILROAD FREIGHT CARS FOR MOVEMENT OF THE MINERAL FROM MINES TO THE PORT. THE
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INDIAN COMPANY HOPES TO CLEAR NL'S BACKLOG (25,000 TONS)

WITHIN THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR MONTHS.

4. FYI: ACCORDING TO CHEMCO, A REPRESENTATIVE OF NL
IS CURRENTLY IN BOMBAY, AND THE COMPANY IS KEEPING HIM
FULLY INFORMED
OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. CONGEN BOMBAY HAS BEEN
REQUESTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE NL REPRESENTATIVE AND
EXTEND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.
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